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Letter dated 8 March 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to our letter dated 8 February 2000 (A/54/743-S/2000/100), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 10, 14, 18, 21, 24, 25 and 26 February as well as 2 March 2000.

On 10 February, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early that afternoon, the same aircraft violated once more the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before returning to the FIR of Ankara.

On 14 February, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1055 hours, at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed at 1349 hours, returning to the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 February, one F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 21 February, one F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 24 February, eight F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations.

On 25 February, four Turkish military aircraft (2 F-4 and 2 RF-4) entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) and Kyrenia.

On 26 February, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1030 hours, at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed at 1626 hours, returning to the FIR of Ankara.

On 2 March, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national air space of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1127 hours, at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed at 1434 hours, returning to the FIR of Ankara.

While strongly protesting these actions which violate international law, as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, and calling for their cessation, I would like, once more, to express the hope that the necessary positive attitude will be shown by Turkey, so that the efforts for finding a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations resolutions, will not be adversely affected.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 63, and of the Security Council.

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